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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Dailies and other periodicals published in the State

465 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of

(i) dailies, and

(ii) other periodicals published in the Madras State in English and Tamil separately?

A.—(i) & (ii) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Residential and non-residential scholarships

466 Q.—SRI N. RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received from the Backward Community students, boys and girls, of Tiruchirappalli district for residential and non-residential scholarships for their studies in secondary schools, colleges and in various professional colleges; and

(b) the number of applications rejected for want of funds and for other reasons?

A.—The particulars are furnished in the statement below :—

	Residential.			Non-residential.		
	Number of applications received.	Number of scholarships sanctioned.	Number of applications rejected.	Number of applications received.	Number of scholarships sanctioned.	Number of applications rejected.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
High Schools ..	Nil.	..	..	450	34	416
Arts Colleges ..	53	18	35	103	39	64
Professional Colleges.	27	15	12	13	3	10

Government poramboke waste lands

467 Q.—SRI V. CHINNAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of Government poramboke waste lands in Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district;

(b) how many applications were received in 1954 from the Harijans for the assignment of these lands for purposes of cultivation; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 564-569 infra.

A.—(*a*) 12,119·03 acres.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) No action was taken as the application was subsequently withdrawn by the applicant.

Grievances of village officers

468 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from Village Officers' Associations from Malabar and Tamilnad in the latter part of 1954 seeking redressal of their grievances regarding their service conditions; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—The attention of the Member is invited to the answer given to the Legislative Assembly (Starred) Question No. 630 on 2nd August 1955.

Assignment of cultivable lands

469 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the unstarred question No. 37, dated 7th February 1955, the extent of land assigned to the landless poor and the Harijans out of 94,908 acres of land available for cultivation;

(*b*) the number of applications for assignment of lands received from the landless poor and the Harijans in the district of South Arcot in the year 1954–55; and

(*c*) the extent of lands assigned to the Harijans and the landless poor for sivoijama cultivation so far in 1954–55 in South Arcot district?

A.—(*a*) 3·00 acres.

(*b*) 2,779 acres.

(*c*) 1·00 acre.

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Handloom cess fund

470 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Nileshwar Weavers' Co-operative Society in South Kanara applied for any grant from the Handloom Cess Fund, in January 1955, for the construction of a building to locate handlooms and equipment; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Nileshwar Weavers' Co-operative Society applied for a grant of Rs. 11,250 from the Handloom Cess Fund towards the construction of a building to accommodate 50 looms and

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the cost of 50 frame looms and appliances. Subsequently, it submitted proposals for starting a model weaving unit as its adjunct, with financial assistance from the Handloom Cess Fund. The model weaving unit is intended to help the society to produce goods of quality and to provide patterns and designs to the other looms working for it. The setting up of the model weaving unit is estimated to cost Rs. 22,011–8–0. Provision has been made for renting a building to house the unit. The scheme has been forwarded to the All-India Handloom Board for the sanction of a grant of Rs. 10,424 and a loan of Rs. 11,587–8–0.

Recruitment of Deputy Collectors

471 *Q.*—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether direct recruitment was recently made to the post of Deputy Collectors by the Public Service Commission;

(*b*) how many applied;

(*c*) how many of them belong to Scheduled Castes;

(*d*) how many belong to Backward Classes; and

(*e*) how many were selected community-war?

A.—The particulars are furnished below:—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Six hundred and twenty-four.

(*c*) Forty-five.

(*d*) Four hundred and seventy-one.

(*e*) Two from Backward Classes; four by Open Competition and one from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Tripartite Enquiry Committees

472 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tripartite Committees constituted for various industries in the State from 1952 onwards;

(*b*) whether the recommendations of any of the Tripartite Committees were implemented in any of the industries; and

(*c*) if so, in which industries?

A.—(*a*) Two Tripartite Enquiry Committees, one for Cement Industry and another for Minor Engineering Industry were constituted in December 1952.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Chitram and Company, Madras, has implemented the recommendations of the Tripartite Enquiry Committee on Minor Engineering Industry.

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Industries and factories run by the Government

473 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of industries and factories run by the Government, district-war?

A.—It is not clear what type of industries and factories the hon. Member refers to. A list of factories [a] run by this Government and which come within the purview of the Factories Act, 1948, is appended.

Government hospital, Cuddalore

474 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of T.B. patients treated in the Government hospital at Cuddalore N.T. in the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the number of doctors and nurses in the hospital;

(*c*) the number of residential quarters provided for doctors and nurses;

(*d*) the number of doctors and nurses living in private rented houses;

(*e*) whether there is any doctor with special training in the T.B. clinic at Cuddalore; and

(*f*) the number of beds in the clinic?

A.—(*a*) Two thousand, two hundred and thirty-seven out-patients and four hundred and ninety-eight in-patients.

(*b*) Nine medical officers and twenty-one nurses (in addition to one nursing superintendent and two head nurses.

(*c*) Except the District Medical Officer and the Resident Medical Officer, other doctors are not provided with quarters. Rented quarters are provided for the nursing staff.

(*d*) Seven Assistant Surgeons and 12 nurses.

(*e*) None at present.

(*f*) Eight.

National Cadet Corps

475 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many National Cadet Corps sub-units have been sanctioned for Malabar during 1955;

(*b*) the school for which they have been sanctioned;

(*c*) when the Government received applications from those schools; and

(*d*) the strength of the high school classes in those schools?

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 570–571 infra.

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A.—(*a*) Eleven troops.

(*b*) *&* (*d*) A statement* is laid on the table of the House.

(*c*) Selection of schools for purposes of raising National Cadet Corpse troops is made by the Director of Public Instruction in consultation with the Commander, No. 2 Circle Cadet Corps. Applications are not entertained by the Government.

Admission to the M.B.B.S. course

476 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of application forms issued and the number received back for admission to the M.B.B.S. course in July 1955;

(*b*) the number rejected as being incomplete; and

(*c*) the number selected district-war?

A.—(*a*) 2,929 and 1,382 respectively.

(*b*) 140.

(*c*) Number of candidates selected district-war against the general pool and the seats reserved for Backward classes—

Madras	31
Chingleput	13
South Arcot	20
Tanjore	21
Madurai	20
Ramanathapuram	14
Tirunelveli	17
North Arcot	20
Tiruchirappalli	20
Salem	24
Coimbatore	23
The Nilgiris	4
Malabar	33
South Kanara	13
Total ..	273

Number of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes selected on State basis—23.

Closure of hospitals and dispensaries

477 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any hospitals and dispensaries in the State were permanently closed during the last three years and, if so, how many?

A.—Yes, Sir. Two hospitals and two rural dispensaries were closed permanently during the last three years.

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* Printed as Appendix VII on page 572 infra.

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Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Societies

478 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of claims awaiting settlement at the end of June 1955 concerning the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies, Limited, Malabar, and the amount involved in each of them; and

(b) whether any claims were settled during the period from 1st January to 30th June 1955 and if so, how many?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

Foreign liquor dealers

479 Q.—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any licences have been issued for the year 1955–56 to dealers in foreign liquor in Salem district;

(b) the quota fixed in each case: and

(c) the grounds on which such quotas were fixed?

A.—(a) Yes, one licence has been issued.

(b) & (c) No quota is fixed as it is a wholesale licence.

Block Development Advisory Committees

480 Q.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Block Development Advisory Committees in Tiruchirappalli district;

(b) the location and functions of such Committees;

(c) the number of women in such Committees;

(d) the Committees to which the district authorities recommended women representatives; and

(e) the Committees in respect of which the recommendation in clause (d) was rejected by the Government with the reasons for such rejection?

A.—(a) Four.

(b) The Committees are located in the Perambalur, Karur, Musiri and Alangudi Blocks. They have advisory functions on problems relating to the development of the areas for which they are constituted.

(c) Nil.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 572–575 infra.

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(*d*) One lady was included in the panel submitted by the Collector for the Alangudi Block Advisory Committee.

(*e*) This relates to the Alangudi Block Advisory Committee. The lady included in the panel had no contact with the rural areas comprising the block and therefore she was not finally selected.

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Tube wells

481 *Q.*—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of tube-wells sunk—

(i) in the State; and

(ii) in Malabar during the period of the First Five-Year Plan up to 31st March 1955?

A.—It is presumed that the Member refers to tube-wells sunk at Government cost for irrigation purposes.

If so, (i) one well in the State (in Kondur village, Cuddalore taluk, South Arcot district); and

(ii) none in Malabar.

Industrial Housing Scheme

482 *Q.*—Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the employers and the co-operative societies that have applied for loans and subsidies under the Industrial Housing Scheme;

(*b*) the number of houses proposed to be constructed by each of the empoyers and societies and their estimated cost; and

(*c*) the amount of loans and subsidies sought for by each?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Home Secretariat after separation

483 *Q.*—Sri D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of temporary appointments made so far in the Home Department after the separation of Andhra in the category of lower division clerks, typists, attenders and peons; and

(*b*) the number of Tamilians, Malayalees and Kannadigas among them?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 575-576 infra.

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A.—(*a*) The number of temporary appointments made so far in the Home Department since the separation of Andhra till August 1955 is as follows :—

Lower division clerks	777
Typists	36
Attenders	6
Peons	28

(*b*) The number of Tamilians, Malayalees and Kannadigas appointed to each category including re-appointments was as follows :—

	Lower Division Clerks.	*Typists.*	*Attenders.*	*Peons.*
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Tamilians	60	30	5	23
Malayalees	17	1	1	5
Kannadigas	..	..	..	..

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

10-10 a.m.

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* DRINKING WATER SCARCITY IN CERTAIN VILLAGES IN TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

* SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, I wish to call attention of the Hon. Minister for Public Health to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., suffering for want of drinking water-supply at Mudalur, Vaniyankinathevilai, Iyervilai and surrounding villages in Tirunelveli district. These villages have been very badly affected due to drought conditions. There are about 400 hamlets in this area. All public and private wells in these hamlets have dried up. If the local officials have been alert and watched the situation carefully, such a situation would not have arisen at all. It was only after the matter had been brought to the notice of the Hon. Minister some reliefs have been provided. There are nearly a thousand wells in this area. The Government, it appears, have sent six or seven bore pump sets to this area. It nearly takes seven or eight days to deepen a well with the help of a bore pump set. These six or seven sets will hardly be sufficient to deepen all the wells in the area. The people in the area are very poor and they entirely depend upon the income they get from the palmyra trees which are now fading or dying out as a result of the drought conditions prevailing in the area. The influx of people returning from Colombo empty-pocketed has made the situation still worse. The people of the hamlets are not in a position to bear the cost of deepening even of their own wells. Deepening of wells alone will not solve the problem. Boring is necessary. Even new wells must be sunk. For this purpose boring sets are required and they may not be made available by the Department in time. I request the